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BOOK NOTICES.

The Philippine Islands : A Political, Geographical, Ethnographical, Social and Commercial History of the Philippine Archipelago and Its Political Dependencies, Embracing the Whole Period of Spanish Rule. By John Foreman, F.R.G.S. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged, with Maps and Illustrations. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899.

Mr. Foreman's book, first published in 1890, took its place at once as the best work on the Philippines, in English.

This new edition has been rearranged and augmented by a full account of the events of the past eight years. The author attributes the native uprising and the loss of the colony primarily to the abuses of the clerical authority and privileges. He writes without prejudice, either religious or national, and he wins the confidence of his readers.

The map of the islands is a simple reprint of that in the first edition.

The Statesman's Year-Book, Statistical and Historical Annual of the States of the World for the Year 1899. Edited by J. Scott Keltie, LL.D., and I. P. A. Renwick, M.A., LL.B. American Edition, Edited by Carroll D. Wright, LL.D., United States Commissioner of Labor, President of the American Statistical Association. Thirty-Sixth Annual Publication. Revised after Official Returns. New York, The Macmillan Company ; London, Macmillan & Co., Ltd. 1899. All rights reserved.

Mr. Wright's preface says:

The English editions of "The Statesman's Year-Book" have contained about forty pages relating to the United States. The American publishers conceived the idea that the public would welcome an edition containing more extended data The difficulty has been to keep the work within necessarily prescribed limits. It would have been an easier task to have compiled a whole volume on the United States.

The forty pages of the previous editions are represented in the present volume by 280 pages, filled with what seems to be an excellent summary of statistical information. Some of the details, such as the list of the Senators and Representatives and the account of the Spanish war, are unexpected, perhaps unnecessary, in a work of this character; but one must not object to a heaped up measure.

In accuracy and usefulness the American edition of the Year-Book is worthy of its predecessors.